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SUBJ: VISIT OF UPPER VOLTAN PRESIDENT LAMIZANA TO ROMANIA

1. PRESIDENT SANGOULE LAMIZANA OF UPPER VOLTA AND HIS PARTY LEFT BUCHAREST JUNE 15 AFTER A 5- DAY OFFICIAL VISIT TO ROMANIA. THE VISIT, WHICH FOLLOWED NOW- FAMILIAR PATTERN FOR SUCH EVENTS, WAS GIVEN USUAL HEAVY MEDIA COVERAGE AND INCLUDED TALKS BETWEEN LAMIZANA AND CEAUSESCU, AS WELL AS BETWEEN OTHER HIGH UV OFFICIALS AND THEIR ROMANIAN COUNTERPARTS. THE VISITORS ALSO SAW VARIOUS INDUSTRIAL, AGRICULTURAL AND CULTURAL SITES IN BUCHAREST, PITESTI AND BRASOV.

2. CONCLUSION OF VISIT WAS MARKED BY PUBLICATION OF " JOINT SOLEMN DECLARATION" AND JOINT COMMUNIQUE. ASIDE FROM ITS GREATER EMPHASIS ON AFRICAN COLONIAL AND RACIAL MATTERS, DECLARATION FOLLOWED GENERAL PATTERN OF THOSE WITH BELGIUM, IRAN AND ITALY. AS FOR VISIT' S CONCRETE RESULTS, COMMUNIQUE STATED ONLY THAT STEPS WILL BE TAKEN TO ACTIVATE UV- ROMANIA COMMERCIAL ACCORD OF 1970 AND THAT NEW AGREEMENTS ON COMMERCIAL EXCHANGES AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION, AS WELL AS ON CULTURE AND SCIENCE WERE REACHED.

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3. COMMENT: WHILE PROVIDING GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR LENGTHY
REPETITION OF WELL- KNOWN ROMANIAN POLICY THEMES AND SHOW OF
SOLIDARITY WITH " THIRD WORLD", LAMIZANA VISIT APPEARS TO HAVE
BEEN SINGULARLY DEVOID OF CONTENT, EVEN BY ROMANIAN STANDARDS.
WE NOTE THAT SUCH MATTERS AS WEST AFRICAN DROUGHT AND POSSIBLE
AID FROM ROMANIA RECEIVED NO PUBLIC MENTION.
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